

absolutely irresponsible. What is responsible is not to move the bill. You move the bill, it becomes a Christmas tree for every other group that is politically powerful to tack an exemption on, to load it up. It develops a life of its own. The Governor vetoes. It comes back with the 30 votes but this time it exempts machinery, this time it exempts this item and that item and there are now enough votes to override the veto and you have got a 10, 15, \$20 million tax base erosion and you have got a percentage increase in the income tax and you have done terrible harm and mischief to our state's tax fabric. So, again, as Senator Warner would admonish, this bill should not advance. It should not be moved.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Tim Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I respectfully call the question.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The question is to cease debate. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Haberman, would you like to close on LB 219, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Schmit wants one minute of my close and I will allow him to have that.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, Senator Schmit, one minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the body, I just want to say this, what is mischief in one man's eyes is statesmanship in the eyes of another. And I want to point out that we have heard all the various arguments here. I do not challenge the integrity of any of the individuals who oppose the bill. They are experienced and they are dedicated and they are qualified legislators. I want to just say this that we have opened the gate many times for exemptions. We have allowed various entities to escape. And I just want to say for those of you who are newer and